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		ING September 30, 2004
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	(No. and Street)	15905
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	UMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO	(814) 536-3000
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must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

1 Gordon D. Smith	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting Highland Financial, LTD	
of September 30,, 2004, are t	as rue and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director h	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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	Signature
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Johnstown Cambria Cou	inty, PA
This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes): My Commission Expires Au	g. 30, 2008
(a) Facing Page.(b) Statement of Financial Condition.	
(c) Statement of Income (Loss).	
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.	
 (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Prop (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditor 	
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(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to	
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation	
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(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of consolidation.	
• (1) An Oath or Affirmation,	
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"For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see	section 240.1 7a-5(e) (3).

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 21, 2004

To the Shareholders Highland Financial, Ltd. Johnstown, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of Highland Financial, Ltd. (the Company), as of September 30, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Highland Financial, Ltd. at September 30, 2004 and 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule A is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Wessel & Company

Certified Public Accountants

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

		2004	 2003
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets Cash & cash equivalents (Note 2) Accounts receivable (Note 1) Accrued interest receivable	\$	65,805 1,701 -	\$ 66,020 7,451 1,613
Supplies inventory Prepaid taxes Deferred tax asset (Note 6)		1,060 - 3,195	 1,060 980 -
Total Current Assets		71,761	77,124
Note receivable - shareholder (Note 3) Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (Note 1)		9,396	23,396
Total Assets	\$	81,157	\$ 100,520
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER	RS' EQU	ITY	
Current Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued sales commission Deferred income tax liability (Note 6)		4,135 440 -	 - 50 2,050
Total Current Liabilities		4,575	2,100
Shareholders' Equity Common stock - \$1.00 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, 50,000 shares			
issued and outstanding Additional paid-in capital Retained (deficit)		50,000 50,000 (23,418)	 50,000 50,000 (1,580)
Total Shareholders' Equity		76,582	98,420
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	_\$	81,157	\$ 100,520

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

	 2004	 2003
Revenues Consulting fees Commissions Investment earnings Other income	\$ 40,402 256,926 -	\$ 52,633 253,024 40 16,043
Interest income	 1,194	 1,613
Total Revenues	298,522	323,353
Expenses Contract labor Commissions Occupancy Depreciation Communications Regulatory fees Operating expenses Total Expenses	 148,114 6,752 36,600 - 7,671 3,523 122,945	 108,659 3,556 36,600 753 7,199 3,273 155,723
(Loss)/Gain Before Income Taxes	 (27,083)	 7,590
(Benefit)/Provision for Income Taxes (Note 6) Current provision Deferred (benefit)/provision	 - (5,245)	 - 3,050
Total (Benefit)/Provision for Income Taxes	 (5,245)	 3,050
Net (Loss)/Income	\$ (21,838)	\$ 4,540

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

	_	ommon Stock	i	dditional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Sha	Total areholders' Equity
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$ (1,580)	\$	98,420
Net (Loss)		_		-	 (21,838)		(21,838)
Balance - End of Year	\$	50,000	_\$	50,000	\$ (23,418)	\$	76,582

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

	_	ommon Stock	F	dditional Paid-In Capital		etained arnings	Total reholders' Equity
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	(6,120)	\$ 93,880
Net Income				-	· ·	4,540	 4,540
Balance - End of Year	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	(1,580)	\$ 98,420

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Net (loss)/income	Ousil Flows from Operating Additions	Φ.	(0.4.000)	•	4 = 40
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	Cash paid during the year for:				
Interest <u>\$ - \$ -</u>	Federal and state corporate income taxes	_\$	80	\$	3,982
	interest	\$	_	\$	

See Independent Auditor's Report and Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

2003

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HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Highland Financial, Ltd. (the Company) was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is a closely held corporation. The Company is registered with the Pennsylvania Securities and Exchange Commission as a broker-dealer and is registered to do business as a broker-dealer in Pennsylvania, Florida, Michigan and New Jersey. In addition, the Company is registered as an insurance broker in Pennsylvania.

Revenue Recognition

The Company earns consulting fees from providing investment advisory and other consulting services to investors. Commissions are earned on sales of mutual funds to investors. Revenues are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent commissions and consulting fees earned. No allowance has been provided based on historical collection results and management's judgment of collectibility.

Equipment and Furniture

Equipment and furniture assets are recorded at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives of seven (7) years on a straight-line basis for financial statement purposes. Depreciation expense was \$- and \$753 for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Company has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.109 "Accounting for Income Taxes" (SFAS 109). Deferred taxes are computed based on the tax liability or benefit in future years of the reversal of temporary differences in the recognition of income or deduction of expenses between financial and tax reporting purposes. The principal items resulting in the

differences are reporting on a cash basis of accounting for tax purposes, contribution carryover and net operating losses. The net difference between tax expense and taxes currently payable is reflected in the balance sheet as deferred taxes. Deferred tax assets and/or liabilities are classified as current and non-current based on the classification of the related asset or liability for financial reporting purposes, or based on the expected reversal date for deferred taxes that are not related to an asset or liability.

Inventory

Supplies inventory is stated at cost which approximates market.

Use of Estimates

The Company uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that management uses.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and Cash Equivalents consist of the following:

	 2004	-	2003
Cash in Bank Money Market Funds	\$ 60,302 5,503	\$ _	60,528 <u>5,492</u>
	\$ <u>65,805</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>66,020</u>

Money market funds have a check writing feature which allows immediate withdrawal of funds at any time. The funds generate income at a variable rate based upon market conditions with a current yield of approximately .62% and .12% at September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

NOTE 3 - NOTE RECEIVABLE - SHAREHOLDER

The Company has an unsecured note receivable from a shareholder which had an outstanding balance amounting to \$9,396 and \$23,396 at September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The note bears interest at a rate of six percent (6%).

NOTE 4 - RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

The Company is exempt from the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Reserve and Custody of Securities Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (K)(2)(A) because it promptly deposits customer funds into a trust account for the exclusive benefit of the customer.

NOTE 5 - PROFIT-SHARING PLAN

The Company has a defined contribution profit-sharing plan covering all eligible employees based on age and hours of service. Contributions under the plan are discretionary and are determined annually by the Company. The pension expense for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 is \$650 and \$10,650, respectively.

NOTE 6 - INCOME TAXES

The current and deferred income tax provision/(benefit) consists of the following:

ioliowing.	2004	2003
Current Provision State Federal	\$ 	\$
Deferred (Benefit)/Provision		
State	(2,045)	1,250
Federal	(<u>3,200</u>)	1,800
	(_5,245)	3,050
Total (Benefit)/Provision	(\$ <u>5,245)</u>	\$ <u>3,050</u>

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liability are summarized as follows:

	2004	2003
Tax Assets/(Liabilities) Federal net operating loss carryforward	\$ 1,800	\$ 200
State net operating loss carryforward Contribution carryover Cash basis reporting for	995 4,800	150 5,200
tax purposes	400	(2,400)
Less: Valuation allowances	7,995	3,150
Contribution carryover	(<u>4,800</u>)	(5,200)
Net Deferred Tax Asset/(Liability)	\$ <u>3,195</u>	(\$ <u>2,050)</u>

The company has a federal loss carryforward amounting to approximately \$12,216, which expires in the year 2019.

The company has a state loss carryforward amounting to approximately \$9,995, which expires in the year 2014.

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company leases a vehicle from a shareholder on a month to month basis. The lease expense for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 amounted to \$8,075 and \$8,061, respectively.

During fiscal year 2004, the Company obtained professional legal services from a shareholder. The cost of the services amounted to \$5,200.

The Company and Highland Financial Advisors (a Corporation), are considered related parties as a result of common ownership. Both organizations share the same office space and personnel whose cost are allocated to each organization based upon management's estimate of usage as provided in a written agreement.

The following is a summary of the shared expenses:

	2004	2003
Office lease expense	\$ 36,600	\$ 36,600
Contract labor Furniture and equipment	148,114	108,659
lease expense	38,953	38,953

NOTE 8 - MINIMUM CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1). Under this Rule, the Company is required to maintain net capital of not less than \$25,000 for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003. The Company's net capital as defined by SEC Rule 15c3-1 was \$ 36,120 and \$41,840 in excess of the minimum net capital required for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

1.	Total ownership equity		\$	76,582
2.	Deduct ownership equity not allowable for net capital			•
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for net capital			76,582
4.	Add: a) Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowabl in computation of net capital	e		-
	b) Other (deductions) or allowable credits - deferred income tax liability and prepaid taxes			_
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities			76,582
6.	Deductions and/or charges: a) Total non-allowable assets	(15,352)		
	b) Secured demand note deficiency	-		
	c) Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities - proprietary capital charges	-		
	d) Other deductions and/or charges		(15,352)
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits			-
8.	Net capital before haircuts on security positions		ı	61,230
9.	Haircuts on securities (computed where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1 (f)): a) Contractual securities commitments			
	b) Subordinated securities borrowing			-
	·			-
	c) Trading and investment securities			-
	d) Undue concentration			-
	e) Other securities			110

HIGHLAND FINANCIAL, LTD. COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

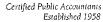
10. Net capital	61,120
11. Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)	305
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	25,000
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	25,000
14. Excess net capital	\$ 36,120

Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) of Rule 17a-5

Differences between this computation of net capital and the corresponding computation prepared by Highland Financial, Ltd. and included in the Company's unaudited Part II FOCUS Report filing as of the same date consisted of the following:

Excess per the Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS report	\$ 36,120
Allowable expenses - The effect of audit adjustments for profit sharing expense and current federal and state income tax liability.	·
Excess per this computation	\$ 36,120

The Company has not included supplementary schedules under Rule 15c3-3(d) and (e) regarding possession and control requirements and computation of reserve requirements, as such amounts would be zero.





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17A-5

October 21, 2004

To the Shareholders of Highland Financial, Ltd. Johnstown, Pennsylvania

In planning and performing our audit on the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Highland Financial, Ltd. (the Company) for the year ended September 30, 2004, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph

and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at September 30, 2004 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the shareholders, management, the SEC and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and should not be used for any other purpose.

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Certified Public Accountants